



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## COLONEL KARLTON D. JOHNSON

Colonel Karlton D. Johnson currently serves as the Director of Communications, Multinational Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I/J6). He leads joint communications and information professionals in their mission to embed transformational Joint Command, Control, Computer and Communications (C4) capabilities within the Iraqi Ministries of Defense & Interior, and provide support to the Counter Terrorism Bureau, which can be leveraged to achieve Government of Iraq security self-management. MNSTC-I/J6, in partnership with the entire MNSTC-I team, is critical component of the U.S. exit strategy in Iraq.

Colonel Johnson received his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program in 1988 after graduating from West Virginia University with a Bachelors of Science in Information Systems Management. He is married to the former Chi McIntyre of Menomonie, Wisconsin, and they have one son, Liam Alexander Johnson.

### EDUCATION:

1988: Bachelors of Science in Information Management Systems, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV  
1989: Basic Communications-Electronics Officer Training, Keesler AFB, MS  
1993: Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL  
1996: Masters, Business Administration / Executive Computer Management, National University, San Jose, CA  
1997: Certified Master Quality Improvement Instructor, Air Force Quality Institute, AZ  
1997: Distinguished Graduate, Advanced Communications Officer Training, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, MS  
2001: Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)  
2001: Masters Certification, Project Management, George Washington University, Washington D.C.  
2001: Masters Certification, Government Contracting, George Washington University, Washington D.C.  
2002: Joint and Combined Warfighting School – Intermediate Course, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA  
2003: Air War College (Correspondence)  
2006: Masters, Strategic Studies, US Army War College, Carlisle PA  
2006: Graduate, Advanced Strategic Arts Program (ASAP), US Army War College, Carlisle PA  
2007: Chief Information Officer Program Certification, Information Resource Management College, VA  
2007: National Training Standard for Information Systems Security (INFOSEC) Professionals Certificate 4011, Information Resource Management College, VA  
2008: Brookings Executive Education: U.S. National Security Policy Issues, Brookings Institute, Washington D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1988 - March 1989, Student, Basic Communications-Electronics Officer Training, Keesler AFB, MS
2. March 1989 - December 1991, Chief of Operations, 1999<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, Onizuka AFB, CA
3. January 1992 - December 1992, Plans and Implementation Flight Commander, 8<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, Kunsan AB, ROK
4. January 1993 - March 1993, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
5. March 1993 - June 1995, Chief of Maintenance, 712 Air Support Operations Center, Ft Hood Army Installation, TX
6. June 1995 - December 1996, Director of Logistics, 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Support Operations Group, Ft Hood Army Installation, TX
7. January 1997 - May 1997, Chief, Communications Standards, Readiness Division (ACC), Langley AFB, VA
8. May 1997-Jun 1997 Student, Advanced Communications Officer Training (Distinguished Graduate), Keesler AFB, MS
9. June 1997 - May 1999, Action Officer, Information Technology Division (ACC), Langley AFB, VA
10. May 1999 - May 2001, Program Manager, Counterdrug Surveillance and Control System, Program Management Squadron (ACC), Langley AFB, VA
11. May 2001 – June 2003, Chief, Communications and Information Systems Plans Section, HQ SHAPE, Mons, Belgium
12. June 2003 – June 2005, Commander, PACAF Computer Systems Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.
13. June 2005-June 2006, Student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania
14. July 2006-Present, Assistant Military Secretary, International and NATO C4 Affairs, Joint Staff, Washington D.C.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one oak leaf cluster  
National Defense Service Medal with device  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal with device (Oklahoma Bombing / SWA Tsunami)  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short  
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long  
Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with Bronze Star  
Air Force Training Ribbon

## **MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Chief of Staff of the Air Force Team Excellence Award 2005 and Air Force “Best Practice” Recognition for the Enterprise Weapon Systems Certification team (Advanced Theater Training and Certification Center) Project
- American Bar Association 2004 Legal Assistance for Military Personnel Distinguished Service Award (shared Team Award) for development of the PACAF Legal Readiness Program
- Computerworld Honors Program Laureate and Medalist 2005
- Honolulu-Pacific Federal Organizational Excellence Award 2003
- Air Force-level National Security Agency Frank B. Rowlett Trophy 2003
- Microsoft Best in Government Solutions Award for Productivity, 2003
- PACAF and Air Force Outstanding Information Assurance Unit Awards, 2003
- PACAF Small Unit Maintenance Effective Award, 2003 and 2004
- Joint Forces Staff College Commandant's Award for Writing Excellence, 2002
- DoD Value Engineering Team Achievement Award for the Counterdrug Surveillance & Control System Program, 2001
- Distinguished Young AFCEAN of the Year, 1998
- Air Combat Command Directorate of Communications and Information Officer of the Year, 1997
- Inspector General Superior Performance Award, 1992
- Outstanding Briefing Award, Squadron Officer School, 1992
- National University Leadership Award for Excellence, 1990
- Inspector General Superior Performance Award, 1990
- Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association (AFCEA) Award for Excellence, 1989

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

2005 “The Temporal and Scalar Mechanics of Conflict: The Strategic Implications of Speed and Time on the American Way of War”, US Army War College, Defense Technical Information Center

2005 “Innovation for the Battlefield: Communications and Information Systems Support to the Warfighter”  
Computerworld Laureate Magazine, 2005

2004 "Fit to Fight - PACAF (CSS)", Intercom Magazine, May 2004

2004 "Ensuring C4 for the Warfighter", CHIPS Magazine, Department of the Navy, Winter 2004

2004 "Unity of Effort in Joint Information Operations", Joint Forces Quarterly, Winter Edition 2002-2003

2002 "Rethinking Joint Information Operations", *Signal Magazine*, Volume 57, No. 2, October

2000 "Beam Me My Notes, Please", Toastmasters International Magazine, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2000

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION / DATE OF RANK:**

Second Lieutenant	May 15, 1988
First Lieutenant	May 15, 1990
Captain	August 6, 1992
Major	December 1, 1999
Lieutenant Colonel	March 1, 2003
Colonel (Frocked)	January 25, 2008